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Capitole Theatre commemorated

QUÉBEC CITY, February 21, 1994 A Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorative plaque was unveiled today by Saint-Laurent/Cartierville MP Shirley Maheu, on behalf of the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Michel Dupuy, officially consecrating the Capitole Theatre as one of the architectural and heritage riches of our country.

Originally called the Auditorium of Québec, the Capitole opened its doors in 1903. After a decade of neglect, the building was rejuvenated and in 1992 once again resumed its historic artistic vocation. The dramatic curved facade of this theatre in the Beaux-Arts style evokes the exuberance of the grand theatres of the Edwardian era.

"On this National Heritage Day, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorates a site which, by its architectural and heritage richness, has contributed in shaping the character of our country. It thrived as the artistic front of the Vieille capitale, a World Heritage Town," said Mrs. Maheu.

This plaque is awarded following a recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, which advises the Minister of Canadian Heritage on the national historic importance of people, events, or places, as well as the architectural interest of heritage buildings.

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